

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL
BUILDING, 888 STATE HIGHWAY 23, WANTAGE, N.J. ON THE DATE OF FEBRUARY
11, 2009**

Mayor Parker Space called the Special meeting of the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage to order, and requested the Clerk to call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the governing body were present: Mayor Space, Committee members DeBoer and Nuss. The following member was absent: None

Also present: Michael Garofalo, Township Attorney

Mayor Space stated, "This meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, Public Laws 1975, Chapter 231. It has been properly noticed and posted to the public, and certified by the Clerk."

Mayor Space led the assembly in the Salute to the Flag.

Mr. Garofalo explained the open public meetings act and informed that the employees have an option as to whether they would like the meeting conducted in a public forum or if they wished for discussion to take place in executive session as the meeting would concern the terms and conditions of employment for the non-union employees of Wantage Township.

Mr. Doherty confirmed that all potentially affected employees were provided the "Rice" notice regarding tonight's meeting, and that the employees requested the discussion not take place in a public forum.

Mr. DeBoer made a motion to enter into executive session as follows:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P. L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and
WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, that the public shall be excluded from discussion of the following matter: A matter involving the terms and conditions of employment of specific prospective public employees employed by the public body, specifically: all full time and part time Non-union employees of Wantage Township.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minutes will be kept on file in the municipal clerk's office, and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes shall be made public.

Ms. Nuss seconded the motion. Upon roll call,
Ayes: DeBoer, Nuss, Space. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None

The Committee returned from executive session. Mayor Space stated that no action will be taken at this time regarding the terms and conditions of employment of the non-union employees of Wantage Township.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Mayor Space opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments.

Mr. Gettler voiced his concerns regarding full-time benefits being offered to employees who work 25 hours or more and presented Mr. Doherty with a common law request for public records.

As there was no one else from the public who wished to address the Committee, Mayor Space closed the meeting to the public.

There being no other items for consideration at this time, Mr. DeBoer moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Nuss seconded the motion. Upon roll call,
Ayes: DeBoer, Nuss, Space. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None

Mayor Space declared this meeting to be adjourned.

James R. Doherty, Administrator/Clerk